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Mr. COBLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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Additional sponsors: Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, and Mr. BRYANT

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. TREATMENT OF PRE-1978 PUBLICATION OF**
2 **SOUND RECORDINGS.**

3 Section 303 of title 17, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) by striking “Copyright” and inserting “(a)
6 Copyright”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(b) The distribution before January 1, 1978, of a
9 phonorecord shall not for any purpose constitute a publi-
10 cation of the musical work embodied therein.”.

11 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

12 The amendment made by section 1 takes effect on
13 the date of the enactment of this Act.